

JOB SITE EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

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INTRODUCTION: Every logging job, regardless of how safely operations are conducted, must make contingency plans covering action to take in case of accidental injury. In most cases, the accident victim can be given first aid and then taken to the hospital. However, there are times when it may be difficult or dangerous to move an injured worker. A back injury, neck injury, or a worker pinned by a rolled dozer or tree represents a situation in which emergency response squads should be summoned to your job site.

GENERAL FEATURES: An emergency response or job site checklist can be located at a central location such as the crew truck or loader. This list should have all the pertinent information needed should you have to send someone out to get help. Information should include: closest telephone, closest rescue squad, closest hospital, and explicit directions to your the job site.

OPERATION: A sample form is printed on the back of this Technical Release. However, any sheet of paper will do. The crew chief should work up the explicit job site directions and locate the nearest phone and phone numbers. Since accidents can occur at any time, even while the job is being set up, this responsibility should be carried out before the job begins. The difficulties of summoning a rapid response without preparation would probably be greatest on the first day at a site, since at that time crew members' knowledge of their location would normally be sketchiest.

The crew chief should make sure all crew members know where the checklist is and how to use it. The checklist should be located in a piece of equipment which will always be on the job or landing.

Explicit directions are important. Not every ambulance driver will know where Wallen Ridge is or that you get to Pattonville by turning at the brick houses. Use road numbers and exact mileage whenever possible. Use easily recognizable landmarks. Although one might plan to detail an extra man to go out to the main road and meet the ambulance to guide it to the job site, it is risky to assume that in the actual emergency an extra man would be available.

Do not expect the rescue squad to keep the same telephone number from month to month; check it on a routine basis. Also, determine whether the rescue squad you use is available 24 hours a day.

COMMENT: Habitual use of this checklist will familiarize you and your crew with the location of all emergency response crews in your area, and having the crew review it is a good chance to review other safety/injury procedures.

This safety tool is only useful if it is used; this is one piece of paperwork that should be conscientiously filed, without delay. A medical team can save a life, but not if it can't locate the injured person.

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